

## 【2020 CRN Rainbow Scholarship】

Now Open to ethnic Chinese LGBTQ+ Students All Over the World!

We are now accepting applications for the fifth CRN Rainbow Scholarship until May 31st, 2020!

This year, we simplified the application process to encourage more candidates to apply. You would only need to submit one application form. Recommendation letters, resumes or transcripts are no longer needed during the preliminary round. At the same time, we've increased the total number of recipients to 9, and the total scholarship amount to \$14,000.

No matter where you are, CRN Rainbow Scholarship cordially invites you to apply. We hope that you will share your unique story, and look forward to hearing from you!

### An Overview of CRN Rainbow Scholarship

Founded in 1996, the Chinese Rainbow Network (CRN) is the largest Chinese LGBTQ+ organization, and the only Chinese LGBTQ+ nonprofit organization (NGO) in the United States. Its mission is to build a better Chinese LGBTQ+ community. Often in isolation, many gay and lesbian Chinese have been hiding in the closet due to culture and social pressure. One of the original goals of CRN was to build a comprehensive and multi-functional platform serving as a safe place for gay and lesbian Chinese overseas.

To accomplish that mission, the CRN Rainbow Scholarship was established in 2015 to support Chinese LGBTQ+ youth to pursue higher education, develop outstanding leadership skills, achieve academic excellence, and realize ambitious dreams. During its first four consecutive successful years (2016-2019), the program received hundreds of applications and awarded nineteen recipients. We are excited to announce that we have raised \$13,500 (about ¥ 90,000) this year. The program's success further solidifies our conviction to move this program forward.

### Scholarship Recipients (Six)

One First Prize Recipient for \$4,000

Two Second Prize Recipients for \$2,000 Each

Six Third Prize Recipients for \$1,000 Each

### Applicant Qualification

1. Applicants must self-identify as an LGBTQ+ individual of Chinese ethnic or national origin or descent;
2. Applicants must enroll in a bachelor (or higher) degree or a diploma program in September 2020;
3. Cumulative GPA: 3.0+ (out of 4.0) or an average of 80+ (out of 100). Special circumstance may be taken into account.

### Application Materials (Either in Chinese or in English)

There are two rounds of application: preliminary submission and final submission. All applicants only need to submit one application form to be eligible for the preliminary round. Since preliminary round

doesn't involve third parties, it will reduce the level of effort required to prepare the application materials.

We will then select a list of final candidates after evaluating all preliminary applications. If you have been selected for the final round, we will notify you to submit recommendation letters, transcripts, proof of enrollment, etc., to complete your application. Otherwise, no further action is needed from you.

In addition to applicant's basic information, there are four open-ended questions on the application form:

- 1)What are your short-term goals for the next year? How can CRN scholarship help you achieve your goals? (300 words or less)
- 2)Please share three personal achievements that you're most proud of. (750 words or less)
- 3)Please tell us about your stories, your reasons to apply, your Chinese LGBTQ+ identify, and your thoughts about our community. (1000 words or less)
- 4)Your setbacks and challenge made who you are. They have significant impact on your future success. Please think about the setbacks and challenge you've had and tell us how did they affect you and what did you learn from them? (500 words or less)

We sincerely hope that you can take this opportunity to reflect on your unique identity, and that your life will be enriched by the application process.

#### Criteria for Awarding the Scholarship

1. Demonstrate learning potential and accomplishments;
2. Have positive attitude toward the LGBTQ+ identity;
3. Be persistent and work hard in a specific field;
4. Retain courage and determination to overcome difficulties and setbacks;
5. Have experience in serving the LGBTQ+ community.

#### Application Deadline

May 31th, 2020 at 23:59 PM (PST)

#### How To Apply

Please download the application form using one of the following links. You must copy the full URL to your browser to access the file. Please note that certain screen size may cause the URL to display on two lines, but the URL should not have any space or line breaks.

Baidu Cloud:

<https://pan.baidu.com/s/1eRHmXUht9tmXSVur1-BjlA>

Baidu Cloud Extraction Code: 7e7r

Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cxZlcNkp8In98iLRMy6rXnRPbTVu8bhu>

Nut Cloud:

<https://www.jianguoyun.com/p/DWZtsUMQz4OZCBiJ1vIC>

The application guide explains each question in detail. Please send your completed application form to [scholarship@crn.ngo](mailto:scholarship@crn.ngo). The title of the email should follow the format below:

Name-country / region of study-Scholarship Application

Example: John Lee-Malaysia-Scholarship Application

We will send you a confirmation email with confirmation number no later than 5 business days after receiving your application. If you need to update your application form before the application deadline, please reply directly to our confirmation email.

#### Application Timeline

**End of June–Initial Selection:** The CRN Review Team completes reviewing all applications and selects 10 candidates to be considered by the CRN Scholarship Final Review Committee.

**July 15–Final Selection:** The CRN Scholarship Final Review Committee selects the final scholarship recipients.

**July 15 to September–Notification and Public Announcement:** CRN notifies applicants about the results via e-mail by late July and announces the recipients on CRN’s website by September 31st.

**September–Award Ceremony:** The CRN Rainbow Scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Annual CRN Gala held in the US in early September 2020. If a recipient is unable to attend in person, he or she still receives the scholarship. For a recipient who plans to attend the ceremony, CRN provides a certain amount of additional fund to cover travel expenses.

#### Selected Speeches from Past Scholarship Recipients

It is really my honor and privilege to be awarded as one of this year's CRN Scholarship recipients. Not only is it a huge support for my graduate studies at the U.S., but also a recognition of my work. In the last six years, I have been taking care of people living with HIV especially for gay men, which has been marginalized and stigmatized due to the social and cultural context. What I appreciate the most is that CRN has create a community for all the Chinese LGBT+, where we can respect our own identities, stand for and speak for ourselves. I hope more and more Chinese LGBT members can join this community and the impact of CRN can make waves, move mountains, and change lives.

--2018 “John Hu & George Mei Family Scholarship” Recipient Chenglin’s Speech

As excitedly proud and appreciative as I am to receive such amazing recognition and support by the largest non-profit organization for Chinese LGBT community in North America, I am also so, so humbled and inspired by what I learned about this incredible community. Kangyong Tsai said, “The only thing we could do is to prove that we are not monsters, that we can thrive in this world.” Proud, successful and out people bring pride and gut to the community, and that’s why seeing so many highly-achieved LGBT people sharing my ethnicity and heritage empowered me in the most vigorous way. I was amazed to

learn about how this organization grew from one person to thousands, and I am gratefully impressed by their collective love and faith. I was so inspired by the incredible works of other activists, and aspire to live up to the trust and potential CRN sees in me. The inspirations, love, support, and empowerment surround me. It inspires me to fight more for more, and it will absolutely continue motivating me to do everything I could towards equality in my lifetime. I sincerely appreciate CRN's support, and will give back to the community in all the ways I can.

--2018 "US-Sino Infertility Bridge Scholarship" Recipient Starry's Speech

First of all, I would like to thank CRN for providing such an opportunity for me to meet so many new friends. I am the founder of Thousands Gay Broadway LGBT radio and Nanjing New Jump LGBT Rainbow Choir. Similar to CRN, we are committed to providing the LGBT community with a platform to meet friends and other services.

The social approach which completely depends on online websites and mobile apps is after all limited and weak. Truly effective and reliable social interaction establishes only when people not only use the Internet as a communication tool, but also actively build the relationship with each other through offline events. That's the reason we gathered together.

The LGBT group has different sexual orientations and emotional appeals. Similar to other groups, we should all have equal rights, but we are forced to hide our true self sometimes. Therefore, we need community more than anyone else.

In the community, one can temporarily get rid of the troubles from the outside world, retain doubts about individual identities, communicate effectively with others, or find a group of LGBT to directly confront those inequalities.

I think this is one of the most important reasons that CRN exists. That is, it provides a sense of belonging. Everyone in the room is an indispensable part of the group. At the same time, the development and improvement of the community requires us to work together. Despite the long road ahead, I firmly believe that as a sexual minority, we can live more colorfully and proudly.

--2018 CRN Rainbow Scholarship Recipient Otto's Speech

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